

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s) : NORIAKI ONODERA et al.
Serial No. : To be assigned
Filed : Herewith (July 6, 2006)
Entitled : RAIL MANUFACTURING METHOD
Group Art Unit : To be Assigned
Examiner : To be Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

EXPRESS MAIL NO.: EV 642 788 143 US

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449, and respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-captioned application. Copies references listed on the Form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the documents.

10/585472

AP20 Rec'd PCT/PTO 06 JUL 2006

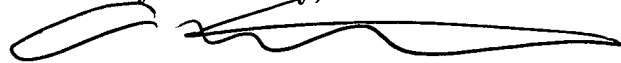
187920US - 465122-00028
PATENT

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

This submission is being filed together with the application. Therefore, applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with the submission of this paper. However, if any fee is due, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-2054.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorsey & Whitney, LLP



Gary Abelev
PTO Reg. No. 40,479
Attorneys for Applicants
Customer No. 30873
(212) 415-9371

Date: July 6, 2006

4822-5767-0913\1

Form PTO-1449 U.S. Department of Commerce
(REV. 2-82) Patent and Trademark Office

Atty. Docket No.
187920/US - 465122-00028

Serial No. 107505472
To be assigned

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
BY APPLICANT**
(Use several sheets if necessary)

Applicant(s)
NORIAKI ONODERA et al.

Filing Date
Herewith (July 6, 2006)

Group
To be assigned

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| *Exam. Init. | Document No. | Date | Name | Class | Subclass | Filing Date if Appropriate |
|-----------------|--------------|------|------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT

| | Document No. | Date | Country | Class | SubClass | Translator Yes No |
|-----|---------------|-------------------|-----------|-------|----------|----------------------|
| 6 | 2 0 1 3 5 2 8 | January 22, 1987 | Japan | | | X** |
| 0 | 5 0 7 6 9 2 1 | March 30, 1993 | Japan | | | X** |
| 0 | 9 1 6 8 8 1 4 | June 30, 1997 | Japan | | | X** |
| 200 | 3 1 6 0 8 1 3 | June 6, 2003 | Japan | | | X** |
| 5 | 9 0 3 1 8 2 4 | February 21, 1984 | Japan*** | | | X** |
| 5 | 5 0 0 2 7 6 8 | January 10, 1980 | Japan *** | | | X** |
| 6 | 0 2 5 1 2 2 1 | December 11, 1985 | Japan *** | | | |
| 0 | 8 2 9 5 9 3 8 | November 12, 1996 | Japan *** | | | X** |
| 1 | 0 1 3 0 7 3 0 | May 19, 1998 | Japan *** | | | X** |

** English-language translation of the abstract is enclosed

*** References cited in International Search Report, which are enclosed herewith and/or provided to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by the International Searching Authority

OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| | | |
|--|--|--|

4839-0183-8081\1

Examiner

Date Considered

* Examiner: Initial citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.